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SUBJ: SOVIET-EGYPTIAN RELATIONS

1. EGYPTIAN EMBOFF JUNE 18 CONCEDED TO US THAT
DIFFERENCES OF VIEW ABOUT TIMING FOR REOPENING
GENEVA CONFERENCE MAY BECOME SOURCE OF DIFFICULTIES
BETWEEN EQYPT AND USSR.

2. EGYPTIAN SAID THAT, EVER SINCE SYRIAN-ISRAELI
DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED, SOVIETS HAVE BEEN
PUSHING LINE THAT MEPC MUST RESUME ITS WORK AT THE
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EARLIEST POSSIBLE MOMENT. MOST RECENTLY, FIRST DEPUTY

MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS V.V. KUZNETSOV AT FAREWELL DINNER FOR DEPARTING EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR FIRST WEEK IN JUNE REPEATEDLY PROBED HIS GUEST FOR CLEAR STATEMENT OF EGYPTIAN INTENTIONS ABOUT TIMING OF NEXT PHASE AT GENEVA. ACCORDING TO EMBOFF, AMBASSADOR KADER PARRIED KUZNETSOV'S QUESTIONS BY PLEADING UNCERTAINTY ABOUT CAIRO'S THINKING SO SOON AFTER DISENGAGEMENT. EMBOFF SAID, HOWEVER, THAT SO FAR AS HE KNOWS SADAT DOES NOT FAVOR EARLY RESUMPTION OF THE CONFERENCE, AND ADDED THAT THIS WILL NOT PLEASE SOVIETS.

3. IN CONTEXT OF DISCUSSION ABOUT PRESIDENT'S VISIT EGYPTIAN COMMENTED BRIEFLY ON POSSIBILITY OF SOVIET-EGYPTIAN SUMMIT. RESPONDING TO QUESTION ABOUT CAIRO NEWS REPORTS THAT FAHMY MAY BE VISITING MOSCOW IN NEAR FUTURE, HE SAID HE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANY FIRM PLANS. ACCORDING TO HIS INFORMATION FAHMY'S LATEST STATEMENT ON SUBJECT WAS OFFER TO VISIT MOSCOW "AT ANY TIME IN ORDER TO PREPARE FOR A SUMMIT MEETING." EGYPTIAN WOULD NOT COMMENT ON POSSIBLE TIMING OF VENUE FOR SUMMIT. BUT HE CLEARLY IMPLIED CAIRO NOW SEES BALL IN SOVIET COURT AND BELIEVES SOVIETS MUST COME UP WITH RESPONSE. HE CONCLUDED REMARKS BY SAYING "WE'RE LEARNING."

4. EMBOFF ALSO TOLD US THAT NEW EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR HAFEX ISMAIL IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE MOSCOW JUNE 19.

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